

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 5123
LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED :
BY COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATONS, LLC :

ORDER

On January 19, 2021, Combined Public Communications, LLC (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to operate as a Class V¹ Telecommunication Service Provider pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.² The application included the Company's statement of business operations and proposed service.. The Company requested confidential treatment of the Company's financial statements provided as evidence of the Company's financial position.

On March 9, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum indicating that the Company has complied with the filing requirements necessary to obtain authorization to operate as a provider of telecommunications service and recommended approval of the Company's application.

At an Open Meeting held on March 19, 2021, the Commission found the Company's application to be proper, reasonable, and in the interest of ratepayers. The PUC granted the Company's request for protective treatment of confidential information and approved the Company's application with the conditional requirement that the Company submit a copy of the contract executed with the state of Rhode Island or federal government to provide calling services to inmates of confinement institutions throughout the state of Rhode Island.

¹ Inmate Service Provider.

² Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996).

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24011) ORDERED:

- 1) The application for registration to operate as Class V Telecommunication Supplier filed by Combined Public Communications, LLC. is conditionally approved.
- 2) The Company shall file a copy of the contract executed with the state of Rhode Island or federal government within six months from date of this Order. Failure to comply with this conditional requirement will result in rescission of the Company's authority to operate as telecommunication supplier.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 19, 2021 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MARCH 19, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 5, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairperson



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

Notice of Right of Appeal: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.